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## "World's Greatest Dad" Arrested

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A 33-year-old Clarkston man faces two 20-year felonies after authorities say he arranged a meeting for sex with an online contact he believed was a 14-year-old girl and showed up wearing a T-shirt that read: "World's Greatest Dad."

Daniel Allen Everett was arraigned Tuesday in Novi district court on charges of child sexual abuse and using the Internet to attempt child sexual abuse.

Magistrate Andra Dudley set Everett's bond at \$50,000 cash.

An Oakland County Jail official says it isn't immediately known if Everett has a lawyer.

Attorney General Mike Cox's office conducted the investigation. Cox says Everett's arrest "is a reminder that a parent can pose a threat to our children."



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## Couple Sentenced In Son's Death

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**MOUNT CLEMENS --** A Sterling Heights couple has been sentenced to prison in connection to the death of their 20-month-old son and for operating a methamphetamine lab from their home.

Medical examiners testified last year Wyatt Young died of dehydration and malnutrition.

In May, Tina Boughner and Andrew Young pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and drug charges.

Macomb County Circuit Judge Diane Druzinski sentenced them Tuesday to up to 15 years in prison for manslaughter; Young was also sentenced to up to 20 years on drug charges.

Defense attorneys say the sentences were too harsh and their clients may appeal.

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# Macomb County news briefs: Parents of boy sentenced

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STERLING HEIGHTS: Parents of boy found dead sentenced to prison

The parents of a 20-month-old boy found dead in July 2007 in a home suspected of doubling as a methamphetamine lab will spend the next 5 to 15 years in prison in connection with the death.

Tina Boughner, 29, and Andrew Young, 27, were sentenced Tuesday on involuntary manslaughter and drug charges in Macomb County Circuit Court. They are the parents of Wyatt Young, who was found dead after his mother called 911 saying her son wasn't breathing. After finding Wyatt in the home in Sterling Heights, police spotted signs that the couple was cooking meth.



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## Children involved in window fall in DHS custody

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By Sentinel-Standard staff

IONIA - Two Ionia children who fell from a second story window at an apartment in downtown Ionia July 4 are in custody of the Department of Human Services.

A petition was filed by the DHS and a preliminary hearing was held July 5. The children were put in DHS custody for care and supervision following this special hearing.

The case involving the children is still open and awaiting adjudication at the Ionia County Juvenile Court, where it will be determined if the children will be put under jurisdiction of the court.

While the children's fate is still to be determined, Ionia Department of Public Safety officials are also continuing to investigate the July 4 incident and have not yet sent a report to the Ionia County Prosecutor's Office.

The investigation stems from an incident that occurred on July 4 when two children, a two-and-a-half-year-old girl and a one-and-a-half-year-old boy fell out of an open second floor window at 325 W. Main St. in downtown Ionia.

Prior to the fall, the children were seen sitting in the window with their feet dangling out by witnesses and law enforcement officials from IDPS were enroute to the scene when they fell.

The Sentinel-Standard will continue to follow the investigation.

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## Teen, 16, arrested on suspect child abuse in Flint

Posted by Shannon Murphy | The Flint Journal July 16, 2008 12:01PM

**FLINT, Michigan** -- A 16-year-old boy was arrested Tuesday in a case of suspected child abuse after an 8-month-old baby girl was taken to Hurley Medical Center with critical injuries.

Emergency personnel were called to 157 E. Holbrook Ave. about 1:30 p.m. after a call came to 911 about a baby that was having trouble breathing. When an ambulance arrived at Hurley, the baby was in full cardiac arrest, police said.

Emergency room workers were able to re-establish her breathing and pulse, but the child had severe injuries to her head and abdomen.

It is unknown how the injuries were caused or the relationship between the baby and the teen in custody.

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# Waterford man to be sentenced today for wife's death

By L.L. Brasier • Free Press Staff Writer • July 16, 2008

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A Waterford man who led police on a three-week manhunt across several states after murdering his wife will be sentenced to life in prison today.

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Edward Stenberg, 58, was convicted June 27 of first-degree murder in the death of his wife, Laura Stenberg, 46, in the couple's Waterford home.

Stenberg had a history of domestic violence. After the killing Sept. 7, he fled the state and was eventually captured in the Florida Keys. Police say he had been traveling by bicycle there.

He will be sentenced before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge John McDonald at 1:30 p.m.

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## Testimony begins in prelim for homeless man's stabbing death

### Midday update

*Kevin Grasha*  
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A preliminary hearing began this morning for a homeless couple charged in the death of a homeless man.

James C. Belin, 47, and Tammy Lynn Vedron, 43, are accused in the slaying of David Lloyd Melvin.

Melvin, 55, was found stabbed to death May 12 in a secluded area, known as the "Back 40," behind the Volunteers of America complex and other businesses on North Larch Street.

An Ingham County Jail inmate testified about a conversation she had in jail with Vedron about the homeless man's stabbing death.

The inmate Renee Betcher, 42, testified that Vedron told her Belin made her hold Melvin while Belin slit his throat then they hid him under some trash bags.

Betcher also testified Vedron claimed Belin had threatened her by telling her if she didn't do what he said that he would do the same thing to her and no one would know.

Betcher testified Vedron told her the reason for the attack was money.

Another witness, Bobby Crews, who works at a nearby homeless facility also testified this morning. Crews said he had taken Melvin to the bank earlier in the day and believes he withdrew about \$200.

Crews testified that he witnessed a confrontation between Belin and Melvin over a camouflage jacket about 6:30 p.m. the day he was killed. He also testified Belin was intoxicated earlier that day.

Belin previously was charged with accessory after-the-fact, but prosecutors said facts uncovered through the investigation led to the murder charge. Both Belin and Vedron face up to life in prison, if convicted.

Vedron's attorney, G. Michael Hocking, has previously said that Belin tried to frame his client.

Acquaintances said Belin and Vedron had been dating.

The hearing determines if the case advances to trial. It is in 54A District Court before Judge Frank DeLuca.

Testimony resumes at 1:15 p.m. and is expected to continue Thursday.



# Foster care change OK'd

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## THE SAGINAW NEWS

A new state law could reduce the time a child spends in foster care by a year in some cases, a Saginaw County Department of Human Services official said.

Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm signed the legislation last week that allows state agencies to conduct "concurrent planning" as a backup in case it's not safe to send a child back to his or her family.

Sen. Roger N. Kahn, a Saginaw Township Republican, sponsored the legislation.

Randy R. Barst, director of Saginaw County Department of Human Services, said his agency already uses the practice, but the new law will ensure it happens statewide.

"It allows us to explore multiple placement options for a child simultaneously" while waiting for a situation to unfold, he said.

Barst said the law would help place youth sooner in a permanent home for more children in foster care.



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## Michigan's jobless rate remains at 8.5 percent

Michigan's unemployment rate didn't change in June, holding steady at 8.5 percent.

Wednesday's announcement was the latest in a string of relatively sour monthly economic reports for the state, which has had the nation's highest annual average jobless rate since 2006. The national unemployment rate last month was unchanged at 5.5 percent.

Michigan's summer hiring remained sluggish. But some workers who were on temporary layoffs because of labor disputes in the auto industry were called back to their jobs in June.

The auto industry recalls helped boost manufacturing by 15,000 jobs last month, according to seasonally adjusted nonfarm payroll employment estimates. But the number of manufacturing jobs has dipped by 29,000 across the state in the past year.

About 7,000 government jobs were added in June. The leisure and hospitality industry added about 2,000 jobs.

About 6,000 professional and business services jobs were lost last month, according to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth report. Most other employment categories held fairly steady.

Total employment in the state has declined for five straight months as the size of the state's labor force continues to shrink.

For the past two months, Michigan's unemployment rate has been is at its highest levels since late 1992.

The state's jobless rate one year ago was 7.1 percent.

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# State reels in 4,800 new jobs

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LANSING -- On a day when Michigan's industrial future took a hit -- more job cuts planned for General Motors and no new Volkswagen plant for the state -- Gov. Jennifer Granholm's economic team served up 4,800 new, disparate jobs Tuesday to soften the blow.

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Leading the good news parade was Dow Chemical Co.'s announcement of a joint venture to manufacture plastics with a large Kuwaiti oil firm and build a global headquarters in southeast Michigan with 800 jobs -- many of them high-paying.

The \$11-billion new firm -- K-Dow Petrochemicals -- also had bids from Texas and Louisiana.

Hours later, the state approved tax breaks for 13 companies that will build or expand operations, with the promise of an additional 4,000 direct jobs. It was the largest single-day approval of tax credits for the Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC).

One of those companies makes amphibious cars that can reach speeds of 35 m.p.h. in water and 115 m.p.h. on land. The British firm will hire about 250 people, including many engineers, to work in a new research and development operation in Auburn Hills.

Five housing projects were approved for tax incentives in Redford Township, Flint and Lansing.

Granholm said the planned \$231 million in new investments shows the state is diversifying its economy. In turn, the state will give out \$44.4 million in tax credits. The 13 companies will make -- among other things -- solar panels, jet engine parts and automotive sound systems.

"Michigan is a great place to do business," Granholm said, flanked by executives from the companies. "Michigan's workforce is second to none. It has great incentive tools, and truly, Michigan will give you the upper hand if you compete here."

MEDC Chief Executive Officer James Epolito said the companies chose Michigan over Alabama, Florida, Ohio, Texas, Indiana, Tennessee and other states, as well as Britain, Germany and India.

Granholtm said tax breaks for K-Dow will be considered after the company chooses a location for its headquarters.

It was unabashed cheerleading in the face of bad economic news, but Granholtm insisted the state is rebounding with nonautomotive jobs. She said despite the news that GM will slash thousands of salaried jobs, the company will retool for more fuel-efficient vehicles and "come roaring back."

MEDC officials said in addition to 4,000 new jobs, the 13 companies and the Dow plastics venture would spin off another 3,000 jobs from suppliers, retailers and housing.

Volkswagen had been expected to pass over Michigan for its new, \$1-billion plant. The company announced Tuesday it would be built in Chattanooga, Tenn. Granholtm said the chosen site was better situated for a new auto plant.

Dow's joint venture was a patch of blue between economic clouds. Dow will team up with Petrochemical Industries Co., a subsidiary of the Kuwait Petroleum Corp.

Granholtm praised the venture as another major commitment to Michigan by Dow, following last week's announcement that Dow would acquire chemical company Rohm and Haas Co. for \$18.8 billion.

K-Dow will manufacture various plastics used in materials for products such as milk jugs, packaging materials, pipes and automotive parts.

Dow cited three reasons for choosing metro Detroit over Louisiana and Texas, including its proximity to an international airport, the quality of public schools and metro Detroit's diversity, especially its large Arab-American population, said James Fitterling, CEO of K-Dow. Fitterling is currently group president for Dow Basic Plastics.

He said schools with Arab-English bilingual programs would be attractive for Kuwaitis who move to the area.

"The location allows us to create a distinct corporate culture, which is going to be very important to the success of this joint venture," Fitterling said.

Metro Detroit has the largest proportion of Arab-American residents in the United States, with about 300,000 residents. Dearborn, where Arab Americans comprise almost one-third of the city's 90,000 residents and many businesses have signs in both English and Arabic, is considered the unofficial American capital for Arab Americans. A high percentage of Dearborn school students speak English as a second language.

K-Dow would be heartily welcomed in Dearborn, said Hebah Alwerfalli, marketing and membership director for the Dearborn-based American Arab Chamber of Commerce.

Hassan Jaber, executive director of the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Justice, added: "Maybe this Kuwaiti company is only the beginning of ... a huge partnership between Michigan and the Arab world."

K-Dow will employ 5,000 people worldwide, with manufacturing operations that include the Middle East and Asia. The Detroit-area site for the new headquarters will be selected this year.

Epolito, the MEDC CEO, said Granholtm helped seal the deal with the Kuwaiti company to invest in Michigan with Dow. It happened, he said, during a low-key dinner June 24 at the governor's Lansing residence. Two top women who are executives of the Kuwaiti company were impressed with Granholtm's role as governor.

Granholtm was to have met with the executives in April during a trade mission to the Middle East. That was canceled when Granholtm underwent emergency bowel surgery. Instead, the dinner meeting in Lansing was arranged.

Michael Gambrell, executive vice president of Dow Basic Plastics and Chemicals, said Dow has manufacturing operations in Texas and Louisiana that were attractive. But, he said, "in this great state, this is our home, and this is where we're committed."

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